

July 23, 2015

Medicaid Transformation Waiver Application Available for Public Comment

Dear Feedback Network member,

Washington's draft application for a Medicaid Transformation Demonstration Waiver is now available for public comment.

This plan, part of Healthier Washington, will transform the delivery system for the 25 percent of Washington's population served by Medicaid, engaging and supporting Apple Health clients, providers, and communities in achieving improved health, better care, and lower costs.

The waiver will provide flexibility to fund nontraditional services for targeted populations and allow the state to use federal savings to finance qualified health transformation projects and accelerate change across systems. We also propose new flexibilities and investments for individuals receiving long-term services and supports to maintain their independence and quality of life.

Your feedback and comments inform our work

Before submitting the application to our federal partners, we want to know what you think. The public comment period for the application is from Friday, July 24, until Sunday, August 23, at 5:00 p.m.

In August, we will be holding a series of public meetings across Washington (see schedule below).

Monday, Aug. 3

8 – 10 a.m. Pierce College-Ft. Steilacoom
Lakewood

1 – 3 p.m. Everett Community College
Everett

Tuesday, Aug. 4

8 – 10 a.m. Yakima Valley Community College
Yakima

2 – 4 p.m. Columbia Basin College
Pasco

Wednesday, Aug. 5

10 a.m. – noon Spokane Regional Health District
Spokane

To read the application and learn more about how to provide comments at a public forum or through other avenues, visit the Healthier Washington [website](#) and go to [Medicaid Transformation](#).

After gathering ideas and comments from our partners, stakeholders, tribes, and the public, we will submit a revised application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Submission of the waiver application to CMS marks the beginning, not the end, of an extensive process toward approval and implementation of the demonstration project. We look forward to continued conversations with you as the process gets under way.